

FOOD BRINGS HOPE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022

FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear FBH Family,

We are highlighting some school programs and special student activities in our newsletter this month. I am proud of our FBH school sponsors for their dedication and creativity used to enhance the education of our students and motivate them to do their best. I hope you enjoy reading about them!

FSA testing began in April. The FBH Community Team and several volunteers wrote personalized cards to each child, in our "Change the Code" tutoring program at Turie T. Small and Palm Terrace Elementary Schools, which were given to them the first day testing began. Making a child feel special, with a few motivational words, can positively impact their success on the test. Dr. Jefferies, the facilitator of our tutoring program at PT, hand delivered the cards prior to the test and reported that many children came running to her after the test to show her what their card said.

May and June will be busy months with our end of year programs. FBH Got Talent is scheduled for Tuesday May 24th from 5pm-7pm at DSC's News-Journal Center. Students from various schools will be highlighting their talents that evening. Several sponsors will even be joining them in their act. It will be an exciting evening concluding with the presentation of 2 Citizenship student awards to each school. The FBH Volunteer of the Year will also be announced at this event. Please contact Diane Smith, Diane@foodbringshope.org, if you would like to volunteer or attend as an audience participant.

FBHonsors will be celebrating at an annual banquet held at the Mori Hosseini Center at DSC on June 2nd from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Students will be recognized and awards presented. Prior to the event, FBH sponsors review social skills and proper etiquette with their students, and they wear their Sunday Best. We can also use volunteers to help at this banquet if you would like to attend.

As always, I thank you for your personal support and contributions made to help our 43 school programs be successful so that our children can also achieve and succeed.

My Best,

Judi



TOUR OF HOMES AT ICI MOSAIC COMMUNITY

On Friday, April 29th, FBH hosted the 7th annual Tour of Homes at the Mosaic Community. After a COVID hiatus, the Tour resumed better than ever! Both students and school sponsors shared compliments about the tour; many saying it was their favorite field trip of the year. Students visited homes representing various trades in the construction industry including mechanical, dry wall, slab/block, a finished home, and a model home. In the model home, students participated in a scavenger hunt where they identified different features in the home.

Pastor Chad Clark and over 25 volunteers from Parkview Church treated the students, sponsors, volunteers, bus drivers, ICI Homes employees and FBH staff to a barbecue lunch.

The ICI Homes construction teams, led by Scott MacLure and Lenny Sanclemente, escorted students to the homes and shared information about their particular career. They kept the students engaged and interested. Caroline Cline, Lifestyles and Activities Director, led a fun and educational discussion about the community's amenities and how she uses social media to reach out to Mosaic residents and future homeowners.



HOMES BRINGS HOPE WELCOMES ERIN LEDUC

Erin LeDuc has joined our FBH Community Organization as the Executive Director of FBH Prosperity. Erin's career began over twenty years ago in a group home setting for at-risk girls in Fall River, Massachusetts while she completed her Bachelor's in Science in Human Development & Family. Erin's previous role was with Daytona State College (DSC) as the Director of the Center for Women & Men. While at DSC, Erin served on several college-wide and community committees to address student retention as well as advisory boards and task forces such as Volusia County Human Services and the Freedom 7 Human Trafficking task force. Erin holds a master's degree in Psychology and is a proud member of the DSC adjunct faculty in the School of Behavioral & Social Sciences and the School of Student Life Skills. Before serving the students at DSC, Erin worked with Volusia County Schools for over eight years as a Behavior Specialist and Campus Director working with our most vulnerable students in the K-12 public schools. Erin is published in Scholarly Teacher on the topic of 'Food Scarcity on Campus Affects Learning in the Classroom' and AACC 21st Century Center College Readiness on the topic of 'Getting a Fresh Start.' Erin has presented in numerous national conferences over the last five years on various topics surrounding serving our most vulnerable youth. In her free time, Erin enjoys supporting her children in their extracurricular activities and serving her community with her family physically, and philanthropically as a proud resident of Volusia County.



MARCH MADNESS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Polly Wilson, Volusia Online Elementary Learning Counselor, recently organized a school supply drive at the Volusia Online Learning Counselors' office. They collected numerous school supply items including backpacks.

This generous donation ensures that FBH students will begin the school year with the supplies they need to be successful.



FBH appreciates VOL Counselors for their continued support of FBH and their programs.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Our sincerest thanks to the many volunteers who help our programs grow. Without your dedication and willingness to support our efforts, we would not be as successful! FBH recognizes an outstanding volunteer and community partner each month.

MARCH VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

COACH STEVE RIDDER



Judi Winch, FBH Executive Director, recently presented the March Volunteer of the Month award to Coach Steve Ridder, ERAU Men's Basketball Coach. Coach Ridder has been the team's lead coach for 30 years. He speaks at every FBH basketball night at ERAU to motivate KidsZone, TeenZone and FBHonsors students to do their absolute best in school and strive to keep improving. He encourages interaction between his athletes and the FBH students so they can see the possibilities for their future if they put forth their best effort in school.

Congratulations on your recognition, Coach Ridder!

MARCH COMMUNITY PARTNER

EMBRY RIDDLE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT



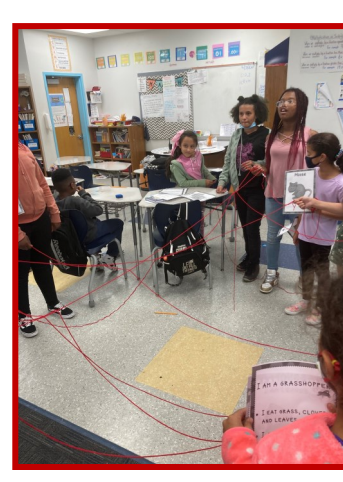
FBH Executive Director Judi Winch recently presented Coach Steve Ridder, Head Coach ERAU Men's Basketball, and Mitchell Van Sumeren, Director of Sports Marketing, with the March Community Partner of the Month award.

Each year, ERAU Athletics hosts FBH Night at ERAU Basketball. Students are treated to a pre-game dinner of pizza, soft drinks, and desserts prepared by ERAU Boosters. The students enjoy both the women's and men's games. At the end of the evening, each student receives an ERAU basketball. Some students shared that this is the first basketball they have ever owned. FBH appreciates ERAU for this special night!

Thank you ERAU Athletics Department for your continued support!

FBH KIDSZONE EARTH DAY PROJECTS

Several FBH programs participated in Earth Day activities during Earth Week - April 18 - 21, 2022. Westside's FBHonsors students studied the cycle of life and learning how pollution destroys the planet using a hands-on experiment with yarn. Ormond Beach Elementary KidsZone teamed up with the Garden Club and Girls on the Run to make seed bombs that will be planted around their campus. They also cleaned up and weeded their garden areas. Turie T. Small KidsZone students created posters and signs reminding people to care for the environment.



Westside Elementary FBHonsors students demonstrating the effect of pollution on the environment.



Ormond Beach Elementary KidsZone students making seed bombs to plant on their school campus.



Turie T. Small KidsZone student shares her Earth Day sign.

FOOD BRINGS HOPE DELIVERS HAMS & TRIMMINGS TO FAMILIES DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAY

Food Brings Hope's amazing volunteers packed 120 food bags filled with side dish items to accompany hams delivered a few days prior to the Easter holiday. Eleven programs received large hams and food bags plus treats including chocolate bunnies for 10 families. The Easter Bunny even joined the fun and delivered to two schools in Ormond Beach. Both students and staff were delighted to greet him and take a few pictures. Thanks to the support and a grant from **No Kid Hungry**, Food Brings Hope makes these special holiday deliveries to schools several times a year so that needy families have all the items necessary to provide a delicious and nutritious family dinner.



TURIE T. SMALL KIDSZONE STUDENTS EXPLORE STEM PROJECTS & MATH COMPETITIONS



Turie T. Small's KidsZone and FBHonsors programs recently spent time honing their math skills and participating in fun STEM projects.

To sharpen their math skills, students held a multiplication competition where they challenged each other to see who completed math equations the fastest.

Students also had an exciting time with outdoor STEM activities. In this experiment, students added Pop Rocks candy to soda. They learned that the candy contains tiny bubbles of carbon dioxide. When mixed with the soda, the soda dissolves the carbon dioxide and releases gas. The gas filled the balloon placed on top of the soda bottle.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL HIGHLIGHT - BUNNELL ELEMENTARY

CARI HANKERD



Cari Hankerd, Assistant Principal at Bunnell Elementary, is a long-time supporter of FBH. Since joining the Bunnell Elementary family, she has been an integral figure in introducing FBH to Flagler County Schools. She began the KidsZone program at Bunnell Elementary, and then a few years later implemented the FBHonsors program. She coordinated a partnership between the Flagler County Schools Education Foundation and FBH to share expenses for the FBHonsors sponsors and enrichment activities. Food Brings Hope is grateful for Cari's support and her willingness to expand her students' experiences by encouraging their attendance at FBH special events.

Thank you, Ms. Hankerd, for all you do!

ORMOND BEACH MIDDLE TEENZONE ACTIVITIES



Ormond Beach Middle's TeenZone students have grown 36 healthy green cabbages from tiny plants they started several months ago. They plan to recycle old wood pieces from around the campus, paint them and fence in their garden. A neighborhood deer had to be chased away since it was nibbling on the enticing produce. Mrs. Faye Joseph, TeenZone's amazing sponsor who cooks for the students each week, joked that the deer was lucky she wasn't there or students might be eating venison stew that week!

The students also created beautiful Mother's Day plants. They transplanted golden pothos and wandering jewels that they propagated in water a few weeks prior. Each student also wrote a card for their mother to present with the plant.



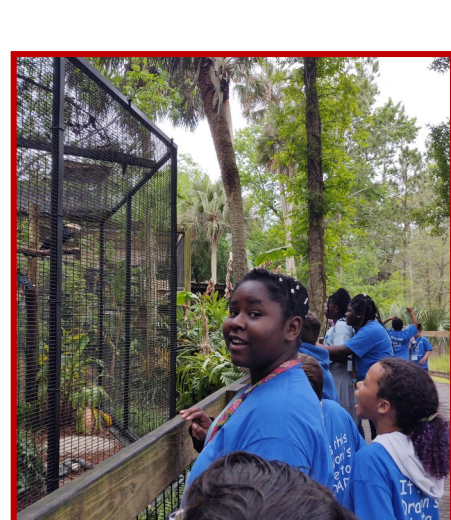
SOUTH DAYTONA ELEMENTARY KIDSZONE VISITS THE ZOO!



South Daytona Elementary's KidsZone students recently visited the Central Florida Zoo and Botanical Gardens. They explored the zoo and learning about the many animals and their habitats. A favorite of the students was visiting the reptile center. The Herpetarium is home to some of the most venomous snakes from around the world. There are also many snakes that are native to Central Florida. They also saw crocodiles, tortoises, cougars, lemur and the Zoo's most famous residents - the one-horned rhinoceros and the giraffes.

Students exploring and observing snakes in the Herpetarium.

The students were all smiles while viewing animals in their natural habitats.



HELP US EXPAND OUR SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

Food Brings Hope needs your help! We are developing a social media strategic plan and ask your assistance in expanding our reach in the community. Please follow our accounts. It is helpful if you like and share our posts. It is our goal to spread the word on the great work that FBH is doing in the community. Our supporters are an important part of this plan. Below are the current accounts we use on a regular basis. We are interested in your input as well. If you have ideas/suggestions for our accounts, feel free to email Alex at Alex@FoodBringsHope.org. Thank you!



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Our Mission
Nurturing the Body, Mind and Spirit of underprivileged children in our community.

Our Vision
Creating a community where underprivileged school children discover their full potential.

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